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- Oath or Declaration
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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date. The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) in that it:
  - is not executed in accordance with either 37 CFR 1.66 or 37 CFR 1.68.
  - Declaration identifies inventor as "Mitsuhiro Higashi" and PCT RO 101 identifies inventor as "Mitsuhiro Azuma"
- \$65 Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)) is required.

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